

Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority

Financial Statements and Additional Information

Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

Auditing Procedures Report

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Unit Name* Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Auth.	County* OTTAWA	Type* AUTHORITY	MuniCode* 70-7-500
Opinion Date-Use Calendar* Oct 27, 2008	Audit Submitted-Use Calendar* Dec 12, 2008	Fiscal Year End Month* 06	Fiscal Year* 2008

If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

Place a check next to each "Yes" or non-applicable question below. Questions left unmarked should be those you wish to answer "No."

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	1. Are all required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	2. Does the local unit have a positive fund balance in all of its unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	3. Were the local unit's actual expenditures within the amounts authorized in the budget?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	4. Is this unit in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	5. Did the local unit adopt a budget for all required funds?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	6. Was a public hearing on the budget held in accordance with State statute?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	7. Is the local unit in compliance with the Revised Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, and other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	8. Has the local unit distributed tax revenues, that were collected for another taxing unit, timely as required by the general property tax act?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	9. Do all deposits/investments comply with statutory requirements including the adoption of an investment policy?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	10. Is the local unit free of illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to your attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	11. Is the unit free of any indications of fraud or illegal acts that came to your attention during the course of audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division? (If there is such activity, please submit a separate report under separate cover.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	12. Is the local unit free of repeated reported deficiencies from previous years?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	13. Is the audit opinion unqualified? 14. If not, what type of opinion is it? NA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	15. Has the local unit complied with GASB 34 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	16. Has the board or council approved all disbursements prior to payment as required by charter or statute?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ?	17. To your knowledge, were the bank reconciliations that were reviewed performed timely?
<input type="checkbox"/> ?	18. Are there reported deficiencies? <input type="checkbox"/> 19. If so, was it attached to the audit report?

General Fund Revenue:	<input type="checkbox"/> ? \$ 1,653,109.00
General Fund Expenditure:	<input type="checkbox"/> ? \$ 1,701,049.00
Major Fund Deficit Amount:	\$ 0.00

General Fund Balance:	<input type="checkbox"/> ? \$ 6,749,604.00
Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt (see instructions):	<input type="checkbox"/> ? \$ 170,000.00

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (reported deviations).

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Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority

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November 1, 2008

Honorable Mayor and City Council
Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority Board

It is with great pleasure that we present the Grand Haven/Spring Lake Sewer Authority Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

As the City of Grand Haven, by contract, is the fiscal agent for the Sewer Authority, this report has been prepared by the financial services staff of the City of Grand Haven with the assistance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent. City Administration holds full responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of all statements, schedules, notes and analysis herein. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, City Administration has maintained a system of internal controls to protect Sewer Authority assets from theft, loss, or misuse and to compile reliable information for the presentation of our financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The cost of internal controls should not exceed the benefit received; therefore the internal controls have been designed to provide reasonable assurance rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. As City Administration, we assert that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The Reporting Entity

The Sewer Authority was established in 1970 by agreement between the City of Grand Haven and the Village of Spring Lake to provide regional wastewater treatment. The City of Ferrysburg and the Township of Spring Lake joined the Authority in 1982 and the Charter Township of Grand Haven joined in 1986. In 1972, the current wastewater treatment plant was built and over the years has been upgraded and modified to its current capacity. The Authority serves a population over 20,000 and presently operates at an average capacity of 50%. Note that in past years, average operations were significantly higher, but, with significant efforts on the part of the local governmental members, infiltration of groundwater into the system has been significantly reduced, allowing greater available treatment capacity. The current lower levels of river and Lake Michigan water also serves to reduce groundwater infiltration.

The City of Grand Haven also provides contractual management and financial administration to the following organizations:

Northwest Ottawa Water Treatment Plant, a joint venture of Northwest Ottawa County local units of government, and
Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority, a component unit of Ottawa County

The financial reports of these entities as well as the City of Grand Haven are reported elsewhere and are not included here.

Budgeting and Financial Planning

As part of the City's financial planning process, the Sewer Authority Board adopts an annual budget including a five year Capital Improvement Plan. These two documents address the Authority's strategy to improve the operations and maintain the wastewater plant. The budget document is included within the City of Grand Haven annual budget to provide comprehensive public presentation and provides the financial framework for planning and control, as well as defining the Authority's role for the future. The Capital Improvement Plan provides the Board and staff with a strategy for future major capital items and related financial resources that will be required over the next five years to implement the Board's vision.

The budget process normally begins in late fall with a goal-setting session. The Wastewater Superintendent, Grand Haven's City Manager and Finance Director draft the budget on a line item basis, considering capital and operational priorities separately and combining both into a preliminary budget document. The Sewer Authority Board adopts the Authority's budget.

After the close of the fiscal year, the Financial Statements are prepared to report on the financial condition of the Authority and the fiscal results of its operations. Included in the report are comparisons of actual revenues and expenditures for the audited year and the prior year.

Economic Condition and Outlook

The current state economic conditions continue to present employment challenges for displaced employees and the local economy as a whole. Economic forecasts indicate a continuation of challenging conditions for 2008 and beyond in Michigan, some estimates indicating at least a four year cycle until improvements occur. Keys to these forecasts are reductions in auto and furniture industry jobs and capital plans and a continuing retrenching in Michigan's manufacturing economy. Losses of Eagle Ottawa Leather operations in November, 2007 and the closing of the Magna Donnelly division plant point to continuing economic stress locally.

The Sewer Authority notes a continuing slight decline in services provided to the local municipalities, especially evident in the continuing reduction of wastewater infiltration into local unit sewer collection lines. This is compounded by the lower water table and by reduced Lake Michigan water levels presently being experienced. Significantly, Eagle Ottawa Leather operations have ceased as has their contribution to the system. Further, Magna Donnelly ceased Grand Haven operations as well, but their sewer use was fairly limited. However, there is a continuing population increase in the surrounding townships and potential for economic and industrial growth, which leaves the current plant well within its capacity for future service expansion without a major near-term major capital initiative.

Fiscal Year 2007-08 Initiatives

- Treated 1.025 billion gallons of wastewater.
- Replaced thickener mixer.
- Repaired damaged concrete in Spring Lake pump station wet well.
- Replaced aeration tank #1 o-rings.
- Touched up coatings on final clarifiers.
- Replaced check valves in the Local pump station.
- Replaced 1991 Ford Ranger.
- Replaced lights and poles in front parking lot.
- Rebuilt west primary pump.

Reporting Model Format

The objective of the Financial Statements of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority under GASB Statement 34 is to highlight the accountability of the Sewer Authority by providing useful information to a wide range of users. A few of the more significant reporting requirements include:

- This transmittal letter and the "Management Discussion and Analysis" (MD&A). These documents provide an in-depth review and discussion of the Sewer Authority's financial position. GASB Statement 34 provides very specific guidance for topics that must be covered in the MD&A. Many of the key financial topics are covered by the MD&A which can be found immediately after the auditor's opinion letter.
- Consistent with the appropriate accounting basis for enterprise funds, Sewer Authority statements are presented on a full accrual basis of accounting. The full accrual method addresses overall operating results and the financial position of the Sewer Authority as an economic entity, as is done in the private sector.
- The Sewer Authority has only one operating fund, a proprietary fund.

The Sewer Authority report is significantly less complex than other municipal reports due to the single fund included in the report and the proprietary fund format.

Independent Audit

State statute and the various local unit charters require an annual financial audit by an independent certified public accountant. In May 2003, City Council selected the accounting firm of BDO Seidman, Certified Public Accountants, who provided auditing services for the first years of the engagement. In the summer of 2004, BDO Seidman sold its Muskegon office to former BDO partners. Pridnia LaPres, PLLC provides the same auditing staff originally provided by BDO Seidman and at the same cost. The City Council of the City of Grand Haven has indicated that the City will seek proposals for auditing services for the next fiscal year under a policy of periodic proposal seeking to assure low cost, high quality auditing.

Acknowledgments

The work of preparing the financial report has required the help and assistance of many people. The staff of the City of Grand Haven Finance and City Treasurer Departments in particular spent many hours working on this project. Katrina Robinson, Accounting Supervisor, deserves special thanks for her efforts in organizing and directing the audit preparation work. Likewise, appreciation is offered to Wastewater Superintendent, John Stuparits for his assistance.

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Trustees
Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority
Grand Haven, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority as of and for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority as of June 30, 2008 and 2007, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management discussion and analysis listed in the table of contents is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit this information and express no opinion thereon.

Pridnia Lapres, PLLC

October 27, 2008

Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority
Management Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2008

1) Financial Highlights

- a) The Grand Haven/Spring Lake Sewer Authority (the "Authority"), is a separate and distinct governmental authority and operates a wastewater treatment facility and certain collection lines for the Northwest Ottawa communities of the City of Grand Haven, the Village of Spring Lake, the City of Ferrysburg, Grand Haven Charter Township and Spring Lake Township and ended the fiscal year in good financial position. Overall debt was lower due to annual bond payments.
- b) Business-type activities net assets decreased from \$6,797,544 to \$6,749,604.
- c) Total operating expenses for business-type activities totaled \$1,691,686, up from \$1,611,671, in the prior year.

2) Overview of Financial Statements

a) Overall financial picture

The financial statements provide the Authority's financial position using the full accrual method of accounting. This method of accounting is similar to private sector for-profit accounting.

i) Statements of Net Assets

The *Statements of Net Assets* provides information on assets, liabilities and the difference between assets and liabilities, which is called net assets. Over time, increases and decreases in net assets can serve as a barometer of financial health. A trend of increasing net assets is viewed as a sign of improving condition. The *Statements of Net Assets* is similar to a balance sheet in private sector accounting.

ii) Statements of Activities

The *Statements of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets* suggests the underlying causes of the change in net assets. All changes in net assets are reported as the change occurs and include depreciation on the assets. This statement does not report any capital projects. Capital projects are reported on the *Statements of Net Assets*.

b) Notes to the Financial Statements

Immediately after the financial statements are the Notes to the Financial Statements. The Notes are an integral part of the financial statements. The Notes contain many additional disclosures about the financial health of the Authority.

3) Financial Analysis

a) Net Assets

The *Statements of Net Assets* provides an overview of the Authority's assets, liabilities and net assets. As mentioned above, over time, this can provide a good indicator of the Authority's fiscal health. A comparative analysis has been presented.

On the next page is a summarized version of the *Statements of Net Assets*:

Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority
Management Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2008

Net Assets

June 30,	2008	2007
Current and other assets	\$ 551,680	\$ 550,587
Capital assets	6,537,307	6,665,555
Total assets	\$7,088,987	\$7,216,142
Long-term debt	\$ 90,000	\$ 170,000
Other liabilities	249,383	248,598
Total liabilities	\$ 339,383	\$ 418,598
Net assets		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$4,277,069	\$4,442,756
Reserved	2,088,963	1,971,007
Unreserved	383,572	383,781
Total net assets	\$6,749,604	\$6,797,544

The total net assets of the Authority are \$6,749,604; however, \$4,277,069 represents net investment in capital assets including infrastructure. Of the more liquid assets, \$2,088,963 is restricted. The Authority has \$383,572 in unreserved net assets. Total net assets decreased by \$47,940 during the fiscal year.

b) **Changes in Net Assets**

Significant changes in net assets are shown in the table on the next page.

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Management Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2008

Changes in Net Assets

Years ended June 30,	2008	2007
Revenue		
Program revenues		
Sewage disposal services	\$1,491,713	\$1,437,669
Other	4,342	7,854
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,496,055	\$1,445,523
Expenses		
Plant operations and charges	\$1,002,611	\$918,275
Administrative	352,139	350,651
Depreciation	336,936	342,745
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,691,686	\$1,611,671
Operating Loss	(\$195,631)	(\$166,148)
Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)		
Debt service charge	\$ 55,626	\$ 65,680
Contributions from customers	-	10,000
Interest income	97,086	102,747
Interest expense	(9,363)	(12,830)
Other non-operating expenses	4,342	-
Total Non-Operating Revenue	\$ 147,691	\$ 165,597
Change In Net Assets	(\$ 47,940)	(\$ 551)
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 6,797,544	\$ 6,798,095
Net Assets, end of year	\$ 6,749,604	\$ 6,797,544

4) Financial Analysis

The Authority had a net loss of \$47,940, a decline from a net loss of \$551 in the prior year. The decrease consists of a \$50,532 increase in operating revenue, an \$80,015 increase in operating expenses and a \$17,906 decrease in non-operating revenue. Overall fund expenditures were within budget.

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Management Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2008

5) Capital Assets and Debt Administration

a) Capital assets

i) Summary of capital assets

The Authority has \$4,448,344 invested in capital assets net of depreciation. Capital assets include all purchases of assets that exceed \$1,000 and have an expected useful life of greater than one year. Capital assets include: land, land improvements, buildings, equipment, and utility systems such as sewer lines. The Authority uses straight line depreciation for all depreciable assets. In FY2008, capital assets decreased by \$246,204, primarily depreciation.

b) More detailed information about changes in capital assets can be found in Note 3 of the footnotes.

6) Debt

The Authority had \$170,000 in debt outstanding as of June 30, 2008.

In Note 5 of the footnotes more detailed information on debt and other obligations can be found.

7) Economic Forecast

The Authority has one main source of revenue, wastewater treatment utility charges. Utility sales, while affected by the economy, experience large swings of revenue from changes in weather conditions. During wet spells, wastewater treatment sales increase due to groundwater infiltration into the collection system. The participating units continue to reduce infiltration as capital project funds allow, but these costs are not the responsibility of the Authority. The ongoing effort on the part of the local units, however, allows the treatment plant to operate at an average 50% of capacity.

For the FY2008-09 budget, Administration anticipates that sales will be roughly equal to FY2007-08 volumes.

8) Contacting the Authority's Financial Management Staff

The City of Grand Haven, by contract, is the fiscal administrator of the Authority. This financial report is designed to provide individuals interested in the Authority's financial position, such as citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors, with a general overview of the Authority's finances and to show the Authority's accountability for the revenue it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact us at 519 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven, MI 49417, or call or e-mail us as noted below:

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<i>June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and investments (Note 2)	\$ 339,796	\$ 250,592
Due from other governmental units	205,610	295,341
Inventories	6,274	4,654
Total Current Assets	551,680	550,587
Long-Term Assets		
Capital assets (Note 3)	4,448,344	4,694,548
Restricted assets (Note 4)	2,088,963	1,971,007
Total Long-Term Assets	6,537,307	6,665,555
Total Assets	\$ 7,088,987	\$ 7,216,142

Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority

Statements of Net Assets

<i>June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt (Note 5)	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Due to other governmental units	11,103	25,802
Accounts payable	43,031	32,099
Accrued and other liabilities	115,249	110,697
Total Current Liabilities	249,383	248,598
Long-Term Debt – less current maturities (Note 5)	90,000	170,000
Total Liabilities	339,383	418,598
Net Assets		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	4,277,069	4,442,756
Reserved for restricted assets (Note 4)	2,088,963	1,971,007
Unreserved	383,572	383,781
Total Net Assets	6,749,604	6,797,544
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 7,088,987	\$ 7,216,142

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority

Statements of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

<i>Years ended June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Operating Revenue		
Sewage disposal charges	\$ 1,491,713	\$ 1,437,669
Other	4,342	7,854
Total Operating Revenue	1,496,055	1,445,523
Operating Expenses		
Plant operations and charges	1,002,611	918,275
Administrative	352,139	350,651
Depreciation	336,936	342,745
Total Operating Expenses	1,691,686	1,611,671
Operating Loss	(195,631)	(166,148)
Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)		
Debt service charge	55,626	65,680
Contributions from customer	-	10,000
Interest income	97,086	102,747
Interest expense	(9,363)	(12,830)
Non-operating grants – state	4,342	-
Total Non-Operating Revenue	147,691	165,597
Decrease in Net Assets	(47,940)	(551)
Net Assets – Beginning of year	6,797,544	6,798,095
Net Assets – End of year	\$ 6,749,604	\$ 6,797,544

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority

Statements of Cash Flows

<i>Years ended June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Operating loss	\$ (195,631)	\$ (166,148)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	336,936	342,745
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Due from other governmental units	90,913	(147,985)
Inventories	(1,620)	2,254
Due to other governmental units	(14,699)	25,774
Accounts payable	10,932	(39,693)
Accrued and other liabilities	5,069	(2,550)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	231,900	14,397
Cash Flows from Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Contributions from constituent municipalities	-	10,000
Proceeds from non-operating grants	4,342	-
Net Cash Provided by Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities	4,342	10,000
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchase of capital assets	(90,732)	(52,738)
Principal and interest paid on long-term debt	(89,880)	(87,830)
Proceeds from debt service charge	55,626	65,680
Net Cash Used for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(124,986)	(74,888)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest received on investments	97,086	102,747
Net Increase in Cash and Investments	208,342	52,256
Cash and Investments, Beginning of year	2,210,576	2,158,320
Cash and Investments, End of year	\$ 2,418,918	\$ 2,210,576

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statements of Cash Flows

<i>June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Statements of Net Assets		
Classification of Cash and Investments		
Cash and investments	\$ 339,796	\$ 250,592
Restricted assets (Note 4)	2,079,122	1,959,984
Total	\$ 2,418,918	\$ 2,210,576

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority (the “Authority”) is incorporated under the terms of Act 233, Public Acts of Michigan of 1955 for the purpose of constructing, owning, and operating a sewage disposal system for its constituent municipalities: the City of Grand Haven, the Village of Spring Lake, the City of Ferrysburg, the Township of Spring Lake and the Township of Grand Haven. The accrual basis of accounting is used in preparing the financial statements.

Under a contract executed in 1974 and subsequently amended, the City of Grand Haven (the “City”) is operating and maintaining the plant. Monthly operating expenses are billed by the City to the constituent municipalities for their proportionate shares of those expenses. Sewage disposal revenue also includes charges of \$90,732 and \$52,738 for costs that have been capitalized at June 30, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments, including certificates of deposit, with an original maturity of three months or less.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost, on a first-in, first-out basis, which approximates market value.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Costs of maintenance and repairs are charged to expense when incurred.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Wastewater plant, wastewater mains and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Wastewater treatment plant and pumping stations	10-40
Wastewater mains	40
Office, laboratory, and transportation equipment	5-40

2. Cash and Investments

Deposits

State statutes require that certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts and depository receipts are made with banks doing and having a place of business in the state of Michigan that are also members of a federal or national insurance corporation.

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits might not be recovered. The Authority does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2008, \$974,727 of the Authority's bank balances of \$1,074,727 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and uncollateralized:	<u>\$974,727</u>
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Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority

Notes to Financial Statements

Investments

At June 30, 2008, the Authority had the following investments:

Investment	Maturity Date	Fair Value
Certificates of Deposit		
Huntington National Bank	11/14/2008	\$ 200,000
Flagstar Bank	12/10/2008	105,337
Huntington National Bank	12/10/2008	203,665
Grand Haven Bank	3/17/2009	112,482
Huntington National Bank	3/17/2009	200,000
Huntington National Bank	3/17/2010	110,874
Huntington National Bank	3/17/2010	111,733
Huntington National Bank	3/17/2010	200,000
Huntington National Bank	3/16/2011	100,000
		\$ 1,344,091

Interest Rate Risk

The Authority does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk Related to Investments

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty or bank, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of its investments that are in the possession of an outside party. The Authority was not exposed to custodial credit risk related to investments.

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Notes to Financial Statements

Credit Risk

State statutes authorize the Authority to invest in obligations and certain repurchase agreements of the U.S. Treasury and related governmental agencies, commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase and maturing not more than 270 days from the date of purchase, bankers acceptances and certificates of deposit issued or created by a state or national bank insured with the applicable federal agency, investment pools authorized by the Surplus Funds Investment Pool Act and mutual funds composed entirely of the above investments.

The authority had no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Authority places no limit on the amount the Authority may invest in any one issuer.

Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority

Notes to Financial Statements

3. Capital Assets Capital assets consist of the following:

	Balance July 1, 2007	Additions	Disposals	Balance June 30, 2008
Capital assets not depreciated				
Land	\$ 575,210	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 575,210
Capital assets being depreciated				
Wastewater treatment plant	9,006,542	15,131	-	9,021,673
Wastewater pumping stations	1,169,301	48,302	-	1,217,603
Wastewater mains	560,724	27,299	-	588,023
Office, laboratory and transportation equipment	199,670	-	-	199,670
	10,936,237	90,732	-	11,026,969
Accumulated depreciation				
Wastewater treatment plant	5,507,977	253,979	-	5,761,956
Wastewater pumping stations	768,690	54,355	-	823,045
Wastewater mains	458,446	14,018	-	472,464
Office, laboratory and transportation equipment	81,786	14,584	-	96,370
	6,816,899	336,936	-	7,153,835
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	4,119,338	(246,204)	-	3,873,134
Net Capital Assets	\$ 4,694,548	\$ (246,204)	\$ -	\$ 4,448,344

Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority

Notes to Financial Statements

4. Restricted Assets

Restricted assets consist of the following:

<i>June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Cash and investments	\$ 2,079,122	\$ 1,959,984
Due from other governmental units	9,841	11,023
Total Restricted Assets	\$ 2,088,963	\$ 1,971,007

These assets are restricted for the following purposes:

<i>June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Debt service	\$ 111,303	\$ 141,099
Capital improvements	901,597	804,106
Eagle Ottawa Operating Agreement	1,076,063	1,025,802
Total	\$ 2,088,963	\$ 1,971,007

5. Long-Term Debt

Outstanding Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following:

<i>June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Contract payable to Ottawa County for 4.55% to 4.6% sewage treatment plant improvement bonds – 1998 Series A	\$ 170,000	\$ 250,000
Less current maturities	(80,000)	(80,000)
	\$ 90,000	\$ 170,000

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Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007:

Years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007

Long-term debt – July 1, 2006	\$ 325,000
Debt retired	(75,000)
Long-term debt – June 30, 2007	250,000
Debt retired	(80,000)
Long-term debt – June 30, 2008	\$ 170,000

Debt Service Requirements

The annual requirements to service all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2008, including both principal and interest, are as follows:

<i>Year ended June 30,</i>	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 80,000	\$ 5,960
2010	90,000	2,070
Total	\$ 170,000	\$ 8,030

Debt Charges

The Authority receives a debt charge from participating communities for the 1998 contract payable to Ottawa County based on volume of sewage treated for those communities. The Authority and the applicable participating communities have pledged their full faith and credit on the contracts payable to Ottawa County.

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6. Risk Management

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Authority participates in the Michigan Municipal League risk pool for workers' compensation and general liability insurance. The Authority has purchased commercial insurance for medical benefits. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The Michigan Municipal League risk pool program operates as a common risk-sharing management program for local units of government in Michigan; member premiums are used to purchase commercial excess insurance coverage and to pay member claims in excess of deductible amounts.

Additional Information



To the Board of Trustees
Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority
Grand Haven, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority for the years ended June 30, 2008 and 2007. Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The additional information listed in the table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority. This information has been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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Certified Public Accountants

October 27, 2008

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Plant Operations and Charges

<i>Years ended June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Sludge removal	\$ 236,339	\$ 205,064
Wastewater treatment	185,308	176,398
Laboratory	192,489	173,889
Secondary treatment	107,225	112,582
Building and grounds	53,845	36,972
Pumping station		
Grand Haven	43,222	41,201
Spring Lake	59,560	51,721
Local	14,013	22,773
Wastewater primaries	9,005	13,142
Phosphate removal	55,541	52,410
Chlorination	20,625	8,707
Dechlorination	15,208	12,172
Grit and screening	6,960	5,607
Wastewater thickeners	2,299	5,311
Sludge storage	972	326
	\$ 1,002,611	\$ 918,275

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Analysis of Amount Available for Debt Retirement

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<i>Years ended June 30,</i>	2008	2007
Change in Net Assets	\$ (47,940)	\$ (551)
Add		
Depreciation	336,936	342,745
Interest and paying agent fees expensed	9,363	12,830
Deduct		
Payments from Eagle Ottawa for separation agreement from constituent municipalities and other contractual obligations	-	(10,000)
Amount Available for Bond and Interest Redemption	298,359	345,024
Requirements		
Principal	80,000	80,000
Interest and paying agent fees (cash basis)	5,960	9,580
Funds Used for Bond and Interest	85,960	89,580
Amount in Excess of Requirements	\$ 212,399	\$ 255,444

Board of Trustees
Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority
519 Washington Street
Grand Haven, Michigan 49417

October 27, 2008

Dear Board of Trustees:

Professional standards require us to advise you of the following matters relating to our recently completed audit of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008. The matters discussed herein are those that we have noted as of October 27, 2008 and we have not updated our procedures regarding these matters since that date to the current date.

Our Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter to the City of Grand Haven dated May 19, 2008, our responsibility, as prescribed by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements, whether caused by error or fraud. An audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards does not provide absolute assurance or guarantee the accuracy of the financial statements and is subject to the inherent risk that errors or fraud, if they exist, have not been detected. Such standards also require that we obtain a sufficient understanding of the Authority's internal control to plan the audit. However, such understanding is required for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

Overview of Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

A discussion was held on June 2, 2008 regarding the planned scope and timing of the audit, the intention of which was to assist those charged with governance in understanding better the consequences of our audit work on your oversight responsibilities along with assisting us in understanding better the Authority and its environment. The focus of this discussion included how the risks of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, would be addressed and on factors, rather than specific thresholds or amounts, that would impact materiality used in our planning and execution of the audit.

Significant Findings from the Audit

Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates

Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments. We have made tests of management's estimates and deemed them to be appropriate.

There were no material contingencies, as defined in FASB Statement No. 5, for which we had questions or concerns about the reasonableness of the accounting or the adequacy of the financial statement disclosure.

Misstatements

Professional standards require the auditor to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Additionally, we are required to communicate with those charged with governance uncorrected misstatements and the effect that they may have on the opinion in the auditor's report, and request their correction.

During our audit, no material corrected misstatements or unrecorded misstatements were brought to the attention of management by us.

Discussion about the Quality of Significant Accounting Practices

In accordance with applicable auditing standards, a discussion was held regarding the quality of the Authority's significant accounting practices, which included the Authority's significant accounting practices, estimates, and financial statement disclosures.

Adoption of a Change in Accounting Principle

There were no situations involving the adoption of or a change in accounting principles where the application of alternative generally accepted accounting principles, including alternative methods of applying an accounting principle, would have a material effect on the Authority's financial statements.

Disagreements with Management

Professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the Authority's financial statements or the audit report. No such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Consultation with Other Accountants

There may be circumstances where the Authority considers consulting with other accountants about accounting and auditing matters. We are not aware of any consultations about accounting or auditing matters between management and other accountants. We are also not aware of opinions obtained by management from other accountants on the application of generally accepted accounting principles.

Significant Issues Discussed with Management Prior to Our Retention

Prior to our being retained as auditor for the current fiscal year, there were no significant accounting or other issues of concern discussed with management.

Material Alternative Accounting Treatments Discussed with Management

During the past year, there were no discussions with management concerning material alternative accounting treatments.

Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

There were no significant difficulties encountered during the course of the audit. All records and information requested by Pridnia LaPres, PLLC were freely available for inspection. Management and other personnel provided full cooperation.

Representations Requested from Management

Refer to the management representation letter that we have provided to those charged with governance.

Other Issues Arising from the Audit that We Consider Significant and Relevant to Those Charged with Governance

There were no other issues arising from the audit that we consider significant and relevant to those charged with governance.

Other Material Written Communications with Management

We have provided to those charged with governance copies of all material written communications that we prepared in connection with our annual audit.

Other Information Included with the Audited Financial Statements

As required by GASB 34, management has prepared certain required supplemental information for inclusion in the audited financial statements including the "Management Discussion and Analysis."

As outlined in our opinion, we have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Internal Control Matters

We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Independence

We are not aware of any circumstances or relationships that would impair our independence.

Should you desire further information concerning these matters, we will be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

This letter is solely for the internal use of those charged with governance and management of the Grand Haven-Spring Lake Sewer Authority and should not be distributed to any other persons or used for any other purpose.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Audria Lathes, LLC". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.